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10 INVENTION: **"COUPLING ELEMENT AND DOCKING DEVICE
COMPRISING A COUPLING ELEMENT"**

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Sir:

20 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants respectfully requests hat citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced PCT application for United States Letters Patent.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

25 References AC, AD, AL and AQ2 are cited for the reasons noted in the International Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed.

References AO, AA (U.S. equivalent of DE 3,905,362) , AP, AN, AQ1, AQ3 and AM are cited for the reasons noted in Applicants specification.

30 Reference AB is cited for its disclosure of a device for joining and sealing two enclosures isolated from the environment.

Reference AC is cited for its disclosure of a hinged clip with separable jaws.

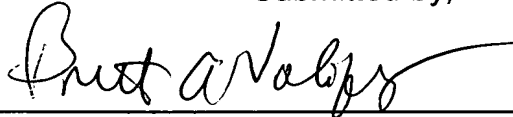
Reference AL is cited for its disclosure of a closure system.

Reference AB is the U.S. equivalent of Reference AO. An English language abstract has been attached to References AN, AP, and AQ3.

Copies of the above-cited references together with Form 1449 are enclosed for the Examiner's review.

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